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Dear Paths to QUALITY™ Program Director or Owner,

Thank you for your dedication to serving Hoosier children and their families. Your commitment to continual quality improvement is evident by your participation and level advancements on Paths to QUALITY. I am grateful for all that you do to provide this high quality care and learning for children and I am very pleased to share some important information with you regarding the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) voucher program.

As you are likely aware, the Bureau of Child Care (BCC) has not been able to raise the rates that the State pays for the care of children receiving CCDF benefits (the CCDF reimbursement rate) for several years due to budgetary constraints. Effective May 11, 2014 we will be raising the maximum reimbursement rates and there will be new rates based on your Paths to QUALITY level. In the CCDF program this is known as tiered reimbursement.

BCC is taking the important step of tiered reimbursement rates based for many reasons. First, quality comes with a cost. Programs offering higher quality face greater operating costs and the CCDF voucher program should consider this when setting rates. Additionally, we want to recognize programs for their quality achievements and feel that increasing reimbursement is an important and meaningful part of this recognition. We also want CCDF families to have access to the highest quality programs without experiencing increased out-of-pocket costs.

Effective May 11, licensed homes and centers will see an increase in the average state reimbursement rate. This new rate will be the "base rate" for these provider types. As a center or home increases its Paths to QUALITY rating level, the tiered maximum reimbursement rate for caring for CCDF children will also increase. At level 2, programs will see a 10% increase over the base rate, at level 3 there will be a 20% increase over the base rate, and finally at the highest level, level 4, there will be a 30% increase over the base rate.

Registered Ministries that have obtained Voluntary Certification and are enrolled on Paths to QUALITY at level 1 will also see a rate increase effective in May. As a Registered Ministry moves up the levels to levels 2, 3 and 4 the rates are the same as the rates for centers at the same level. As with centers and homes, these rate increases are designed to help cover the increased costs associated with meeting higher quality standards.

If your program does not current accept CCDF vouchers, I ask you to please take another look. There have been many changes to the program over the years and this latest change may be the best of all. It is my great desire that Hoosier children from low-income families have access to affordable, high quality early care and education programs and school age or out of school time care. Research has clearly shown the impact that these programs can have on at-risk children including increased school readiness, academic achievement and graduation rates and reduced involvement in the criminal justice system. The work that you do is critically important to children, families and our communities. Please consider becoming a CCDF provider.



I am sure you have many questions, including, “what are my new rates?”. BCC is hosting a series of webinars and teleconferences this month. A schedule of these sessions is below. I encourage you to attend one of these sessions if you are able. We will be discussing important federal CCDF regulations and steps that you may want to consider to maximize the new reimbursement rates.

You can find additional information about the reimbursement rates at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/2552.htm> . The new rates will also be posted here after April 11th.

Sincerely,

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